



WASPSNEWS

Little Mountains

2011 Newsletter

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THANKYOU, THANKYOU, THANKYOU....

Thanks to everybody who attended the work party etc and to the members who have donated benches, plants, trees and lilies. Hopefully you have enjoyed your time at the lakes this year and are pleased at the friendly atmosphere and banter that goes on. Also the immaculate state of the fishery where you have all done your bit to keep the place clean and tidy. The lake is finally at a state of completion where all the major tasks have been completed including our shed for tools etc which we assembled last autumn.

Once again special thanks go to Zorro John Brench for his constant work on keeping the trees and bushes cut back and for all the other work he has done at our fishery.

WHAT A YEAR

Despite a very cold winter and cool start to last season we were fortunate to have a hot Summer unfortunately it didn't last all that long and when the winter kicked in very early the lakes were frozen for nearly two months. Hopefully the weather has broken now and with a bit of luck those lazy hazy days of summer will be with us soon.

MEMBERSHIP & FEES

All places were finally filled on the 28th June 2010 and a waiting list is now in operation for future membership. The fees for the club have remained the same for the past three seasons and I would like to keep them the same again, however last spring with many members late in renewing I had to borrow money to pay the lease. Therefore I will be making the fees conditional on the renewal date.

- For members joining by the end of April will get a 20% early payment discount and the fee will effectively remain the same at £40 and £60 for family tickets.
- Anyone joining after the 1st May will pay the new rate of £50 and £75 for family tickets

Renewal is available at the shop now, your current membership expires on 31st March and will be held open until the 14th April after which it may be offered to the next person on the waiting list.

WORK PARTY

I have ONE work party planned for Sunday 27th March 2011 so if any of you would like to lend a hand please come along, it will run from 9am till lunchtime and with a bit of luck we will have tea and coffee on tap. The work scope includes repairs to some of the swims where a few of the railway sleepers have subsided, and some repairs/improvements to the access track..

GRASS

I try to keep the grass cut as often as possible, however if any members wish to trim up the grass in the swims I will always be grateful for the help. I have re-laid some grass on the track around the back lake and would appreciate if cars keep off this bit until it has had time to establish.

THE TWO ZORRO'S

John Brench and I have cut back one of the willow trees at the back of the "Grotto" swim due to an infection of Honey Fungus which caused it to split and lean on the adjacent Oak tree, Hopefully both trees will now recover and grow straight. We have also cleared several branches in the apple tree swim and the area at the back of the front lake to give improved parking and access.

PLANTS WANTED

Several members have previously donated young trees, shrubs, reeds and water lilies which were planted in or around the lakes. If any member has any surplus plants, lilies, reeds or water iris suitable for the lakes, or knows somebody who has some they want to get rid of please let me know.

BARBLESS

In an effort to prevent mouth damage to the fish could ALL member please use barbless hooks.

WEBSITE

We have a website www.w-a-s-p-s.com where members can exchange info, report lost or found, for sale & wanted, display pictures and keep up to date with any changes or important information.

PHOTOGRAPH GALLERY

Please send me your photo's so that I can upload them onto the website gallery, I would particularly be interested in some of the specimen silver fish.

EMAIL AND NEWSLETTERS

To help reduce costs of postage and printing etc it would be helpful if I could email newsletters and updates etc to members who use the internet, therefore could any member who uses the internet please send me your email address and name to:

kim@w-a-s-p-s.com

IMPROVED ACCESS & PARKING

During the season one of our members (Michael Morley) brought a digger to the lake and made a new exit from the back lake in an effort to reduce the erosion on the track due to the sharp turning angle of members exiting the lake. Therefore I have now implemented a one way system so that access to the back lake is via the far entrance slope and exit via the new slope.

Parking is now permitted adjacent to the swims at the rear of the front lake provided enough room is left to allow other cars to drive past. We have also added a new parking area for a car adjacent to the Grotto swim on the front lake.

Parking is NOT permitted on the access track around the rear lake except in designated areas.

LAKE MAP

I have now created a detailed Lake Map showing swim names and parking locations. This has been posted on the Notice Board and can be viewed or downloaded from the website www.w-a-s-p-s.com.

FISH STOCKS

Last spring I stocked the front lake with 44lbs of hybrid Crucian Carp (fantailed variety), the results have been very pleasing with consistent captures throughout the season. Another advantage has been that the native elusive crucians have shoaled up with the new residents resulting in far more captures than previously. The Bream obviously like the front lake and have been breeding very well with significant numbers of skimmers being caught.

W-A-S-P-S CLOTHING

We have a selection of polo shirts (£15) and hoodies (£25) made up bearing the club logo. Other garments such as sweat shirts or fleeces can also be ordered. Please come and see them at the shop.

GRIFE'S

Unfortunately I do have a few areas of concern that need highlighting.

- Some members have been seen using landing nets that are too small, particularly when trying to land some of the larger carp.

- Please can ALL members ensure that landing nets are assembled and ready for use before fishing commences and not packed up until all rods have been removed from the lake.
- There have been reports of some members swinging in quality fish that should have been landed using a landing net. This can cause their lips to be damaged or even torn off. Under no circumstances should fish such as tench or crucians be swung in.
- I have also had reports that some members have been aggressively striking or playing fish in potentially damaging the fish's mouths.
- When unhooking fish on the bank unhooking mats **MUST** be used, it is totally unacceptable to lay the fish on the grass or even worse on the paving slabs!!!.
- Under no circumstances should members ever leave their rods unattended, including walking to the next swim.
- Anyone found to be damaging fish through negligence or brutality will have their membership terminated immediately.
- Members are only permitted to use two rods regardless of how many rod licences they hold.

These points are critical to fish welfare and with fish costing up to £18 per pound they are a precious and valuable commodity. I am sure that you will all agree that none of us like to see a fish that has been damaged through angling. Please don't take this incorrectly as I don't wish to sound arrogant or offensive but members can be easily replaced, quality fish are not.

FINALLY

I hope you all enjoyed fishing at our friendly little club this this season and I hope that you have a successful forthcoming season and enjoy your fishing. I look forward to seeing you in the shop or at the lake.

Best Regards

Kim